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Subject: 121.5 MHZ ELT

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My comment is with regard to the "required" switch from the 121.5 MHZ ELT to the 406 MHZ ELT. This required switch makes little sense to me. It will cost me between \$1000 and \$2000 to upgrade to something that has not really been proven to be any more efficient than the ELT that has been in use for many years. In fact my understanding is the 406 MHX will still be broadcasting on the tried and proven 121.35 MHZ frequency as well.

I fly for pleasure. Most of my flights are within a 10 mile radius of my local airport. Flight time to me is precious due to the expense of aircraft operation these days. I would much rather spend the money required to upgrade on keeping my flying skills sharp or upgrading communication avionics than on something I hope never to need or use.

General aviation is facing a tough time. Adding unnecessary cost is not helping it.

I recommend not implementing a "required" upgrade to the 406 MHZ ELT.

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